

REMARKS

By the above amendment, minor informalities in the specification and claims have been corrected.

As to the requirement for election of a single disclosed species of the alleged following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention identified by the Examiner as Species A of Figures 4-5; Species B of Figure 6; Species C of Figure 7; Species D of Figures 8-9; Species E of Figure 10; Species F of Figure 11; Species G of Figure 12; Species H of Figure 13; Species I of Figure 14; Species J of Figure 15; and Species K of Figure 16, such requirement is traversed in that applicants submit that, as recognized by the Examiner, at least claim 1 is generic, and as recognized by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Applicants note that claim 1 is an independent claim with claims 2 - 4 being dependent thereon and claim 5 is an independent claim. Applicants submit that both independent claims 1 and 5 are generic or sub-generic as being readable on more than one of the species identified by the Examiner. Since generic or sub-generic claims are present in this application, and such claims have not been rejected, applicants submit that the generic claims are allowable and therefore, the election requirement should be withdrawn.

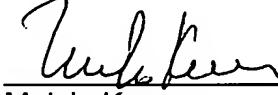
In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species D of Figures 8 and 9, and applicants submit that claims 1 - 5, including generic or sub-generic claims 1 and 5 are readable thereon.

In view of the above election, applicants submit that all claims must be considered in this application such that the election requirement should be withdrawn and favorable action with respect to all claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.43596X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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